

## Academic Qualification Assessment Guidelines

Under Rule 1.3 (b) of the *HKIA/ARB Professional Assessment Handbook*, a graduate from a non-HKIA/ARB accredited or recognised school of architecture may apply for an Academic Qualification Assessment if he/she wishes to sit for the Professional Assessment to become an HKIA Member and a Registered Architect. Guidelines for the AQA are set out as follows :

### 1) Eligibility

The applicant shall be the holder of a 5-year full-time or equivalent professional programme in architecture from a tertiary school of national standing. The Professional Assessment Committee (PAC) shall have the final decision as to the acceptance or otherwise of the professional degree.

### 2) Application

The applicant should make his/her application to the PAC via the HKIA/ARB Secretariat. The application should be accompanied by the following materials:

- Application letter addressed to the Chair of PAC.
- Curriculum vitae, complete with the applicant's personal information and academic history. (*Annex 1*)
- A copy of the applicant's HKID Card/ Passport.
- A recent photograph of the applicant.
- A copy of the applicant's degree/ diploma certificate.
- Transcript issued by the school/ university concerned, in English or Chinese, giving details of all the academic subjects taken and grades achieved by the applicant in the year of his/her graduation.
- Letter confirming validity of the academic qualification, issued by the school/ university. (*Annex 2*)
- Portfolio of the applicant's works leading up to the professional degree, particularly thesis design project, and other dissertations carried out in the year of graduation, showing the curriculum strength of the programme and the outcomes acquired in the programme. Verification on the authenticity of his/ her portfolio should be submitted.
- Declaration of the applicant regarding the authenticity of the submitted portfolio, specifying the extent of his/ her involvement in the projects as individual / group work. (*Annex 3*)
- Proof of proficiency in English as equivalent to HKDSE English Language Level 3.

### 3) Assessment

Upon the receipt of *all* the materials specified above, the PAC Chair shall convene an AQA Panel to determine if the qualification will be accepted as meeting/ matching a standard equivalent to that of an HKIA/ARB accredited or recognised professional degree programme. The Panel shall consist of the following three HKIA members:

- Chair of the Panel, who shall be an HKIA Member nominated by the PAC Chair.
- Two members, who shall be an HKIA Member and a senior teaching staff from local universities/ tertiary institutions offering HKIA/ARB accredited architectural programmes, appointed by the PAC and approved by the Head of Department of Architecture of the respective universities/ tertiary institutions.

The Panel shall meet to carry out the AQA. The Chair and the Members shall each have an equal vote in deciding on the results of the AQA, and the recommendation of the Panel shall be submitted to PAC for endorsement and that the decision shall be notified to the applicant by the Secretariat. At the discretion of the Panel, the applicant may be asked to attend an interview. The decision of PAC shall be final.

4) AQA Fee

The fee to be charged to the applicant, for any single assessment, shall be \$6,000.00, payable in advance.

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1<sup>st</sup> Revision on 17 November 2008

2<sup>nd</sup> Revision on 15 October 2014

3<sup>rd</sup> Revision on 20 March 2017

4<sup>th</sup> Revision on 30 October 2017

5<sup>th</sup> Revision on 26 Sept 2022

## CV Template for Academic Qualification Assessment

- Personal particulars
  - Name:
  - Gender:
  - Date of birth:
  - Nationality:
  - Current occupation, company and position held:
  - Contacts (mobile phone and email):
- Language of portfolio
- Degree/ diploma obtained – name of school/ university, year of graduation, details of recognitions if any
- Professional Affiliations / Qualifications
- Professional Experience
- Awards and Certifications
- Practical Experience
  - Local
  - Overseas
- Names of two referees and their contact details



香港建築師學會  
The Hong Kong Institute of Architects



建築師註冊管理局  
Architects Registration Board

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Confirmation of Academic Qualification**

The following graduate of your University/ School/ College has applied for the *HKIA/ARB Academic Qualification Assessment*, leading to his/ her being eventually qualified to practise as 'Architect' in the Hong Kong SAR:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Programme Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Mode of Study: Full time / Part time (Please delete as appropriate)

Programme Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Programme Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Date of Conferral of Degree/  
Diploma: \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Total Study Period: \_\_\_\_\_  
Years Months

We should be grateful if you would kindly confirm the above information by completing and **returning the enclosed "Reply Slip" (ORIGINAL) to the HKIA/ARB within 2 weeks from the date of this letter**, in order to facilitate the above candidate's application. Please note that any such confirmation submitted via email/ fax or as photo copies of the same shall be disregarded as being invalid.

Thank you,

Your sincerely

Watson Chan  
Registrar

**REPLY SLIP**

To : Mr. Watson Chan, Chief Operating Officer  
The Hong Kong Institute of Architects  
19/F One Hysan Avenue  
Causeway Bay, Hong Kong  
(Fax no. for enquiries: (852) 2519 6011 or 2519 3364)

**Confirmation of Academic Qualification**

We hereby confirm the following information:

Name of Graduate: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Programme Title (in full): \_\_\_\_\_

Mode of Study: Full time / Part time (Please delete as appropriate)

Programme Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Programme Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Date of Conferral of Degree/ Diploma: \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Total Study Period: \_\_\_\_\_  
Years Months

The above degree/ diploma is accredited / recognised by: (Please ✓ as appropriate)

- Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA)
- Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA)
- National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB)
- National Board of Architectural Accreditation (NBAA)
- New Zealand Registered Architects Board (NZRAB)

Remarks (if any):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of University/ School/ College

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and title of signatory

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please affix official stamp

Note 1: Only the original confirmation shall be accepted and any photo copies of the same shall be deemed invalid.

Note 2: **Any changes marked by correction pen/ fluid** should be confirmed with the official stamp of the university/ school/ college and the official signature of the signatory next to the changes made.

**Application for Academic Qualification Assessment for HKIA/ARB Professional Assessment**

**Declaration of Authenticity**

I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ (name in full) (HKID no. \_\_\_\_\_), declare that the contents of the portfolio which I hereby submit for Academic Qualification Assessment are my own work / group work in which my contribution is \_\_\_\_\_ during my course of study in \_\_\_\_\_ (programme) in \_\_\_\_\_ (name of institution).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date